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NEET-UG CITY INTIMATION SLIP OUT

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is set to conduct the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-UG (NEET-UG) through various centres in 499 cities across the country and 14 cities outside India on May 7. Medical aspirants can download their examination city intimation slip from the official website: https://neet.nta.nic.in. The city intimation slip informs a candidate where their exam centre is located. It is different from admit card, which will be issued later | **P9**

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Where 85% of money sent for our citizens is looted by corrupt politicians & their middlemen
Under PM Narendra Modi
100% of money meant for citizens reaches them directly in their bank accounts BJP Double Engine Sarkara
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11 dead as poisonous gas wreaks havoc in Ludhiana

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

An NDRF team with protective suit and mask arrives for the rescue operation after a gas leak at Giaspura area of Ludhiana, Punjab, on Sunday | ANI

ELEVEN people, including three teenagers, died in the Giaspura area of Ludhiana on Sunday after inhaling toxic gas. Four more persons, who fell sick after breathing toxic air, are undergoing treatment at a local hospital, officials said.

The carcass of a cat was also recovered from the spot. Police have sealed the area and evacuated residents. A magisterial inquiry has been ordered and a police case registered against unknown persons.

The NDRF team detected high levels of hydrogen sulphide in the air. Police said they suspect the poisonous gas was released after some chemical was thrown into sewerage. Giaspura has a sizeable migrant population. The deceased were identified as Abhay (13), Aryan (10), Kalpna (16), Kamlesh (60), Varsha (35), Sourav (35), Preety (31), Kavilash (40), Navneet (39), Neetu Devi (39) and an unidentified person.

On Sunday, some people came to a local store to buy milk and fainted. Four persons died on the spot, while others were rushed to hospital. Among the dead were three members of the family that owned the store and five from another family.

"We are collecting samples from manholes. It is likely that some chemical reacted with methane. Those who died did not show any symptoms of respiratory problems. It is likely the deaths were caused by a neurotoxin," said Ludhiana Deputy Commissioner Surabhi Malik, adding that CCTV footages were being examined.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Amarjit Singh Bains said a broken manhole was found in the area with strong smell emanating from it.

The Punjab government has announced ₹2 lakh compensation each for the family of the deceased and ₹50,000 each for those who fell ill.

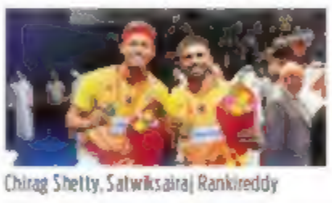
EXPRESS READ

100 episodes of Modi's Mann ki Baat broadcast

New Delhi: The 100th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio broadcast Mann ki Baat was aired on Sunday. "Mann ki Baat has become a festival that celebrates the positivity of India and its people," Modi said during Sunday's special broadcastn | **P9**

Satwik and Chirag win Asia C'ships gold

Dubai: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty broke a 58-year-old drought, becoming the first Indians after Dinesh Khanna to be crowned champions at the Badminton Asia Championships. The 2022 World Championships bronze medallists scripted a sensational comeback to edge past Malaysia's Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi 16-21, 21-17, 21-19 in a nail-biting final. Khanna won men's singles title in 1965 | **P17**



Chirag Shetty, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

CONG RAN 85% COMMISSION GOVT, VOTE FOR PROGRESS: PM

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, addressing a public rally here on Sunday, poured scorn over Congress, alleging that the opposition party ran 85 per cent commission governments.

Countering the aggressive Congress campaign against the present BJP dispensation in the state being a 40 per cent commission government, he said that when Congress was ruling at the Centre, if Re 1 was released, only 15 paise reached the beneficiary with 85 paise being swindled.

"That's why, it was an 85% corrupt government," he charged, and appealed to voters not to elect the opposition party in the May 10 Assembly elections in the state.

On AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge comparing him to a venomous snake, Modi said that he is a snake that adorns the neck of Lord Shankara and that the people of the country are Shankara and Eshwara for him.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets the crowd in Mysuru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Without naming anyone, he said several leaders from Congress are facing corruption charges and are out on bail. They have no moral right to face the people of the country, he said. CONTINUED ON: P4

NOW NADDA PLAYS THE 'RIOT' CARD

Honnali: After Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president JP Nadda too said that riots will break out in Karnataka if the Congress comes to power after the May 10 Assembly elections. **P4**

Phone hurled at PM in Mysuru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AT a time when an incident of a cell phone thrown at PM Narendra Modi during his visit to Kochi still fresh in memory, a similar incident occurred during his roadshow in Mysuru on Sunday. The police, however, ruled out any security lapse and alleged that the phone slipped out of someone's hand.

Modi took out the roadshow in an open van. When the vehicle was passing on Sayyaji Rao Road, the cell phone was hurled which hit the front portion of the vehicle. Modi tried to ignore it and continued greeting the workers. A police officer on duty on the stretch, however, said the cell phone slipped out from the hand of one of the spectators. "A woman police officer returned it to a person who claimed it was his," the officer said.

My brother can take bullets for country: Priyanka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jamkhandi

CONGRESS General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday hit out at PM Narendra Modi, who had slammed Congress for making a personal diatribe against him. She asked Modi to learn from her brother Rahul Gandhi, who is willing to take abuse and even bullets for the sake of the country. "He is the first PM I have seen, who comes before you and cries that he is being abused. Instead of listening to your grief, he is coming here and telling you his problems. His office also has made a list of the number of times Modiji was abused," she ridiculed the PM.

"Show some courage Modiji and learn from my brother, who says he will stand for truth, whether you abuse, shoot a bullet or stab him with a knife," she said. On Saturday, Modi responded to AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge's 'venomous snake' remark, saying Congress abused him 91 times. Priyanka said, "If you look at the abuses by them to my family and if we start making a list, we will have to publish books about it."

Modi, Biden to meet five times this year

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden are expected to meet five times this year. Out of this, four meetings will happen in May and June.

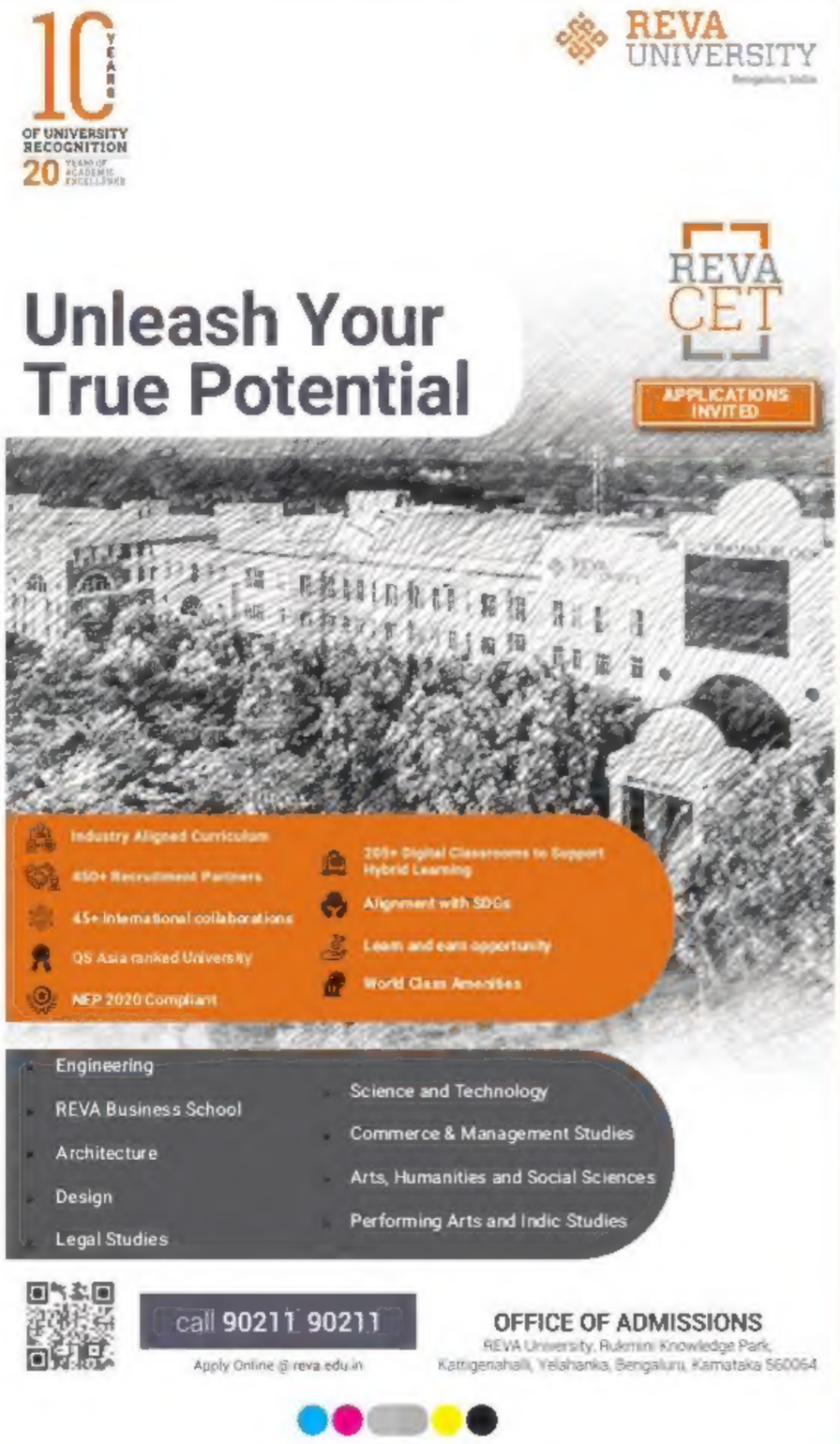
The first meeting will be in Hiroshima, on the sidelines of the G7 summit. During his recent visit to Delhi, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had invited Modi to attend the summit, scheduled for May 19-21.

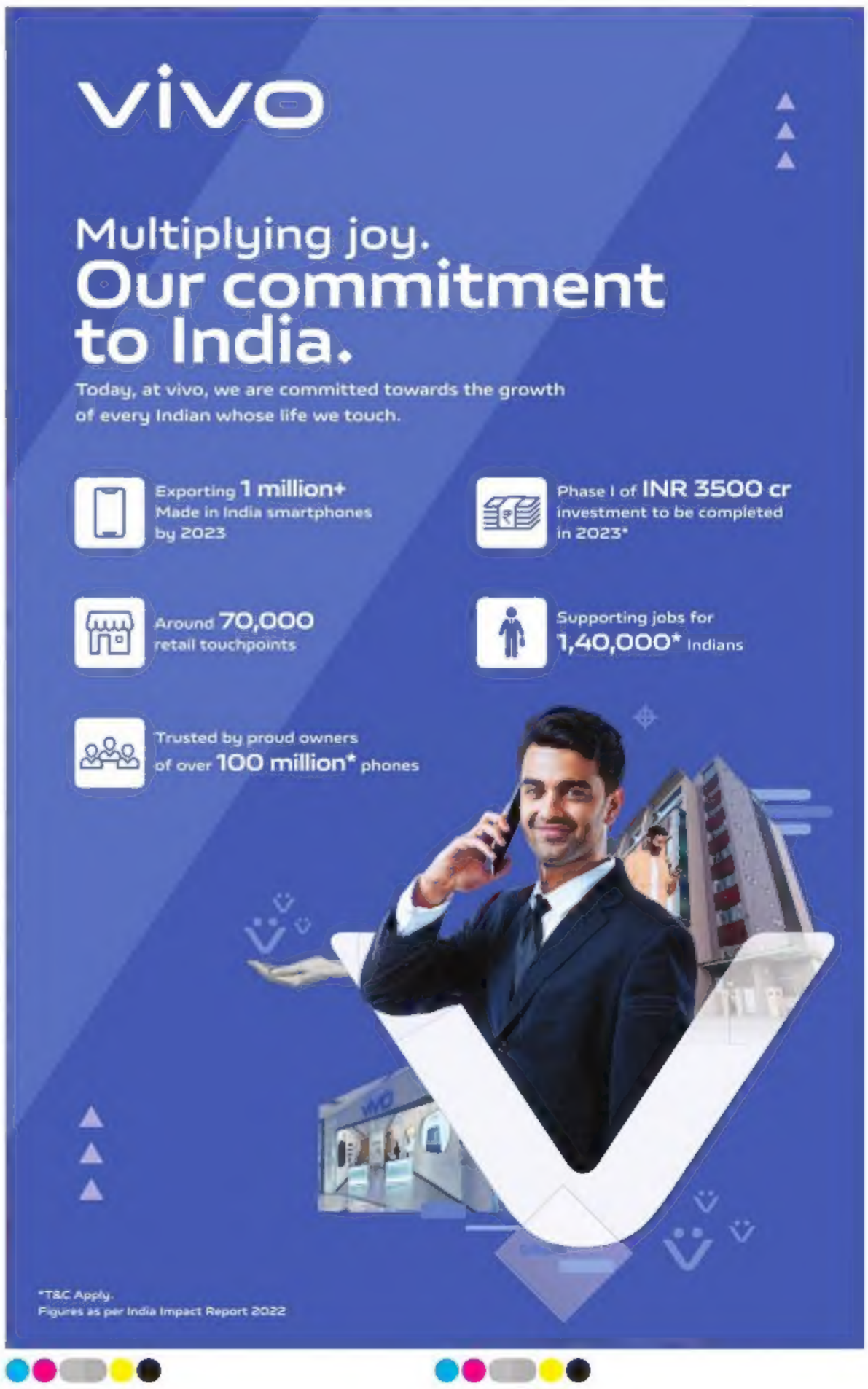
The two will then head to Sydney to attend the Quad leaders' summit. But, on the way, they are expected to make a stopover in Papua New Guinea where the second meeting will happen during the India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit.

"Papua New Guinea is ready to receive both President Biden and PM Modi. It will be a historic first and also a going forward futuristic meeting of global superpowers in the biggest country in the Pacific," the island's PM James Marape said. Biden will become the first sitting US president to visit Papua New Guinea.

Days later, on May 24, the two leaders will meet again on the sidelines of the Quad summit in Sydney. The following month, Modi is expected to travel to the US for a state visit on June 21. The PM will visit New York first and then travel to Washington DC and meet Biden.

The duo's fifth meeting will take place when Biden visits India in September to participate in the G20 summit.

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Supporting jobs for 1,40,000* Indians
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